

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – Proposed RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY

Peter Oakford, Cabinet Member for Specialist Children's Services

DECISION NO.

15/00006

If decision is likely to disclose exempt information please specify the relevant paragraph(s) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972

Subject: : Children's Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Services

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Specialist Children's Services, I:

- 1) NOTE that the Clinical Commissioning Groups have already agreed to extend the contract for the mainstream Children and Young People Mental Health Service.
- 2) AGREE to extend the contracts for the Children in Care element of the Children and Young People Mental Health Service and for the Emotional Wellbeing Services for a year.
- 3) DELEGATE to the Corporate Director for Social Care, Health & Wellbeing, or other suitable officer, responsibility to implement this decision, including engaging with Service Providers to update the specifications to reflect feedback from practitioners and young people.

Any Interest Declared when the Decision was Taken: *None expected*

Reason(s) for decision, including alternatives considered and any additional information

In 2011, KCC and the then health commissioners agreed to jointly commission emotional wellbeing and mental health services due to evidence that an integrated system would improve outcomes for children and young people.

Subsequently the multi-agency Children's Health & Wellbeing Board has been overseeing the development of a joint Emotional Wellbeing Strategy and Delivery Plan. Extension of these contracts will maintain the joint commissioning approach and will enable the strategy and plan to be completed and the procurement of services along the new model.

Background Documents:

There will be a decision recommendation report from Corporate Director to Cabinet Member.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The comments and endorsement or recommendations of the Children's Social Care & Health Cabinet Committee will be added after the 20 January 2015.

Any alternatives considered:

To not extend the contracts and to re-procure the services independently of health partners. This will end the joint commissioning approach.

Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer:

None expected

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| Cabinet Scrutiny Decision to Refer Back for Reconsideration | | | |
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| Reconsideration Record Sheet Issued | | | |
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| Reconsideration of Decision Published | | | |
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